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Enclosures:

- Rule 63 declaration, copy from a previous application under rule 63(d) for continuation or divisional only.
- Information Disclosure Statement: Applicant calls attention to documents listed on attached form(s) PTO-892 and PTO-1449 from parent case(s). Per Rule 97(d) copies of those documents are not provided.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation ((and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC §120) of U.S. application serial no. 08/976,739, filed November 24, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Preliminary Amendment:

Page 1 of the specification, before line 1, insert This is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 08/976,739, filed November 24, 1997, (pending). ^{PAT} 5,973,378

The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office for recording on November 24, 1997, at Reel 8845, Frame 0682.

Priority is claimed under 35 USC §119 based on priority application serial number 8-334641, filed November 29, 1996, in Japan.

20 Total Claims, 4 independent:

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Total claims in excess of 20 times \$18.00	0.00
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$78.00	78.00
Multiple dependent claims	0.00
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